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Memorandum

TO: BAIFA

DATE: March 18, 2015

FR: Executive Director

W. I. 6840

RE: Cooperative Agreement – Construction of I-880 Express Lanes Median Foundations in Alameda County: Caltrans (\$19,000,000)

This memorandum seeks approval to enter into a cooperative agreement with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to construct express lanes median sign foundations along with a separate Caltrans project to replace the median barrier along I-880. The I-880 Express Lanes Project will convert existing HOV lanes on I-880 from the Santa Clara County line to Hegenberger/Lewelling Boulevard interchanges in Alameda County.

This cooperative agreement will provide for the reimbursement of Caltrans for the construction of Express Lanes median sign foundations. The estimated cost of the construction and construction support is \$19,000,000.

Background

The Express Lanes project will require new signage and tolling equipment mounted in the median barrier. BAIFA and Caltrans identified a significant opportunity to deliver portions of the Express Lanes project as part of a separate Caltrans project to replace the median barrier along I-880. BAIFA would follow later with a separate BAIFA construction project to complete the installation of civil infrastructure for the express lanes. As compared to constructing the two projects sequentially, this approach is expected to reduce the overall construction duration in the median and minimize construction impacts to the public.

In October 2014, BAIFA authorized a cooperative agreement with Caltrans to provide design services to incorporate some express lanes work into the Caltrans median barrier. Caltrans plans on advertising the median barrier replacement project in September 2015 and now has requested BAIFA authorization for construction and support funds.

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Authority authorize the Executive Director or his designee to negotiate and enter into a cooperative agreement with Caltrans in an amount not to exceed \$19,000,000 to construct and provide construction support of I-880 express lanes median sign foundations in Alameda County.



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REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY APPROVAL

Summary of Proposed Cooperative Agreement

Work Item No.: 6840

Agency: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

Work Project Title: Construction of I-880 Express Lanes Median Foundations in Alameda County

Purpose of Project: The purpose of the BAIFA I-880 Express Lane project is to develop Express Lanes that utilize the current excess capacity of the existing High Occupancy Vehicle lanes. The project will also provide non-carpool eligible drivers with a reliable travel time option.

Brief Scope of Work: Caltrans will construct and provide construction support to incorporate Express Lanes work into a separate Caltrans median barrier replacement project.

Cost Not to Exceed: \$19,000,000

Funding Source: BATA Capital Program Budget

Fiscal Impact: Funding is included in the Express Lane Capital Project Budget, as adopted in the FY 2014-15 Toll Bridge Program Operating and Capital Budget (BATA Resolution No. 113, Revised).

Motion by Authority: That the Executive Director or his designee is authorized to negotiate and enter into a Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans as described above and in the Executive Director's memorandum dated March 18, 2015, and the Chief Financial Officer is directed to set aside funds in the amount of \$19,000,000 for such cooperative agreement.

BAIFA:

Dave Cortese, Chair

Approved:

Date: March 25, 2015